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SUBJ: W/W: CHRISTINE HASSAN

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM MR. JACK BRYSON, FATHER OF CHRISTINE HASSAN. CABLE READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE PLEASE CHECK STATUS OF WHY DAUGHTER CHRISTINE BRYSON HASSAN HAS BEEN DETAINED FROM LEAVING COUNTRY BY AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. JIM WRIGHT HAS CONTACTED YOU THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT. DO I NEED BOTH SENATORS TOWER AND BENSON TO GET SOME ACTION? PLEASE ADVISE YOUR REFUSAL TO AID AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT CALL MR. BRYSON (ADDRESS: 4401 STEVEN, FORT WORTH, TEXAS), AND RELAY TO HIM THE FOLLOWING: PLEASE ADVISE MR. BRYSON THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AID HIS DAUGHTER AND THE OTHER AMERICAN CITIZEN WIVES OF AFGHANS; BUT THAT UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY, CHRISTINE BY VIRTUE OF HER MARRIAGE IS AN AFGHAN CITIZEN AND MUST EXIT AFGHANISTAN ON AN AFGHAN PASSPORT, UNLESS SHE REPORTEDLY DIVORCES HER HUSBAND AND IN THAT CASE MIGHT NOT GET CUSTODY OF HER AFGHANISTAN-BORN CHILDREN (THIS HAS NOT BEEN TESTED). AT PRESENT, AFGHAN GOVT IS NOT ISSUING PASSPORTS TO AFGHANS FOR REASONS OF HEALTH, VISITING
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FAMILY, OR TOURISM. WE ARE QUITE PREPARED TO ISSUE MRS. HASSAN AN AMERICAN PASSPORT, BUT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, SHE WOULD NEED AN AFGHAN EXIT VISA IN IT WHICH THE AUTHORITIES WOULD ALMOST ASSUREDLY NOT GRANT HER.

3. RE REF A, EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT ALSO RELAY INFORMATION IN PARA 2 ABOVE TO MRS. PHYLISS BRD, MOTHER OF CHRISTINE HASSAN.

PLEASE ALSO INFORM MRS. BRD THAT EMBASSY HAS SPOKEN TO DR. ANWARI, A LOCAL GYNCOLOGIST WHO HAS BEEN TREATING HER DAUGHTER, AND HAS LEARNED THAT CHRISTINE WAS SUFFERING FROM POST PARTUM BLEEDING FROM THE BABY SHE DELIVERED SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS AGO. ON AUGUST 21, SHE HAD A D AND C AT MASTURAT HOSPITAL AND WAS RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL TODAY. SHE CAN BE CALLED AT HER HOME (TELEPHONE NUMBER 26128). ACCORDING TO HER DOCTOR, SHE WILL BE MEDICALLY ABLE TO TRAVEL IN ABOUT ONE WEEK. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO INFORM MRS. HASSAN'S PARENTS THAT DURING HER RECENT ILLNESS, THE CONSULAR OFFICER OFFERED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HER TO BE EXAMINED AT THE EMBASSY DISPENSARY, BUT SHE PREFERRED TO REMAIN AT THE LOCAL HOSPITAL.

4. PLEASE ASSURE ALL CONCERNED THAT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN WIVES OF AFGHANS. ON AUGUST 14, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED SITUATION OF AMERICAN SPOUSES OF AFGHANS WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAFIZULLAH AMIN. WE WILL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

5. CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT INTERESTED.
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